

## President's Letter

Change is in the air. Don't you just feel a hint of fall now and again. Before we know it delayed-harvest streams will be stocked again and wet wading will be a thing of the past. Change is definitely coming for me as I step down as your president. It has been in turn very rewarding and somewhat frustrating. But we live and move forward and hopefully get better. Chapter elections take place at the September meeting, so do your duty and come listen to a great program on smallmouth fishing and help turn the page to a new leadership team.



Change is coming to the Davidson River Project as well. Skip and Bob have handed in their notice. After serving for quite a few years and having done a magnificent job, they are ready to let someone else

hold the reins while they provide training and support. This may be exactly the job for you, or you and a friend. So many of you have been there for every workday that you already know most of what goes on. Contact Skip, Bob or me if you're willing to step up and keep this project going. It would be a terrible shame if the Davidson River Project for which we are so well known fell by the wayside.

Now for the good news. I've promised to give you the details for Pisgah Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, so here we go. The event will be held on Friday, October 30 from 7PM to 10PM. The location is Opportunity House on 25N in Hendersonville. For this event we're going back to the much-loved covered dish supper.

and all you have to do is bring a salad, side dish or dessert. The entrée will be provided. And best of all, admission is free of charge for members and their spouses. We will celebrate by remembering all the things Pisgah Chapter has done over the years to serve the fisheries of Western North Carolina and the communities therein. And we'll celebrate ourselves, the volunteers who have done it all. An invitation will be coming along around the first of October as a reminder. But pencil this in.

Thanks go out to all of you who worked on Move-a-Mountain day with the incoming freshmen from Brevard College. It was an incredibly successful and enjoyable day.

Tight lines,  
Linda

**Thank You Al Rogers  
August Fly Raffle - PCTU collected \$129**



The August speaker was Toby Jenkins, North Carolina Wildlife Officer



Dick Fulton wins the fly box

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**Richard Foster**



The speaker for the September 10th meeting will be Bob Bailey from Columbia, SC who is an expert at fly fishing for smallmouth bass. Bob has caught 40 fish 20" or larger and has a detailed handout of successful smallmouth bass flies, including how to tie and fish them. Most of Bob's Smallmouth bass fishing is on the New River in Virginia. This is relevant to TU in that developing the sport on the French Broad River may be a way to reduce the pressure on our local trout streams.



# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MOUNTAIN TROUT FISHING IN NORTH CAROLINA

Final Report

MOUNTAIN FISHERIES INVESTIGATIONS

Federal Aid in Fish Restoration

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## North Carolina Trout Anglers Contribute Significantly to Economy

**RALEIGH, N.C. (Aug. 12, 2009)** -Trout fishing opportunities provided and managed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission have a substantial positive impact to the local economies of western North Carolina and to the state as a whole, according to a recent study conducted by Responsive Management and Southwick Associates.

The study, "The Economic Impacts of Mountain Trout Fishing in North Carolina," found that nearly 93,000 anglers fishing in North Carolina spent an estimated \$146 million on mountain trout fishing trips and equipment in 2008. When the secondary (multiplier) effects of these dollars spent were factored in, the total economic output of the Commission's trout management program in North Carolina exceeded \$174 million.

Money spent on mountain trout fishing in 2008 supported a total of 1,997 jobs and provided an estimated \$56 million in income, much of it to workers in western North Carolina.

From late March through early April, Responsive Management, a firm specializing in natural resource and outdoor recreation issues, conducted a telephone survey of 1,232 randomly selected licensed anglers 18 years and older who fished for mountain trout in 2008. Southwick Associates developed the economic models.

The survey was funded by the Commission under the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration program.

Survey respondents answered questions pertaining to fishing trip and equipment expenditures, numbers of days fished and types of streams fished.

An estimated 92,765 resident and non-resident anglers fished for trout 1.42 million days in North Carolina in 2008, with Transylvania, Watauga, Haywood, Cherokee, Henderson, Jackson and Ashe counties seeing the most fishing activity.

A typical resident trout angler fished nearly 10 days in 2008, spending \$65 per day on trip expenses while a typical non-resident angler fished five days in 2008 and spent \$158 per day on trip expenses. The average resident trout angler spent \$502.92 per year on equipment.

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Other survey findings included:

- Hatchery supported waters were the most frequently fished waters (625,147 days), followed by wild trout waters (422,671 days); and delayed harvest waters (374,611 days).
- Total economic impact of hatchery supported waters measured \$72.7 million; \$55.2 million for wild trout waters and \$46.5 million for delayed harvest.

According to Doug Besler, the mountain region fisheries supervisor for the Commission, the agency funded the study to help quantify the economic impact of its trout management program on North Carolina's economy. Survey results from this study, combined with results from an earlier angler opinion study, will be used to develop a comprehensive trout management plan, enhance public fishing opportunities, and market the agency's angling opportunities to North Carolina residents and tourists alike.

"The economic impact of the trout management program can be a significant contributor to the expanding tourism and green-based economies of western North Carolina," Besler said. "The Commission looks forward to pursuing collaborative opportunities to expand public fishing opportunities for trout fishing in western North Carolina."

Source: <http://www.ncwildlife.org/>

Information below are highlights of the full 69 page report

*More than three-fourths of mountain trout anglers are North Carolina residents. The typical mountain trout angler is approximately 50 years old (the mean ages are 51.2 years among resident anglers and 48.9 years among non-resident anglers). Finally, mountain trout anglers are overwhelmingly male (92% of resident anglers; 96% of nonresident anglers).*

*Most equipment spending takes place where people live; nonresidents generally spend little on equipment in NC*

*Q20. In what county did you fish for mountain trout most often in North Carolina in 2008?*

*Nonresidents named Transylvania County more than Watauga, Haywood, Cherokee and Henderson combined!*

### **OUR VISION**

**Pursue a future where healthy populations of native and wild coldwater fish thrive in the Western North Carolina region for following generations to enjoy.**

### **OUR MISSION**

**Conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds in the Western North Carolina region.**

## Idaho Guide Fined

Christopher R. Bentley, 26, was cited for guiding without a valid license and for fishing with a barbed fly on the South Fork of the Boise River, which is closed to all guided fishing.

In early July, officers with the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association were alerted to an Internet advertisement for Bentley's services on Craigslist, according to a press release from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Bentley was interviewed and arrested while guiding clients on the South Fork of the Boise in mid-July.

His fishing gear, including a drift boat and fly rod and reel, were seized as evidence.

Bentley appeared before Elmore County Magistrate Judge George Hicks on Aug. 5 and pleaded guilty to guiding without a valid license.

His sentence included:

- \$2,000 fine (\$1,000 suspended) plus \$95 in court costs.
- \$57 fine for the barbless hook violation (separate infraction).
- 90 days in jail (88 suspended). Given the option, Bentley chose 40 hours of community service instead of the two days in jail.
- Two-year fishing and hunting license suspension.
- Two years of unsupervised probation.
- \$1,365 in reimbursement to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association for case expenses.
- Forfeiture of his fishing rod and reel. The drift boat was returned to Bentley's father, who held legal title to the boat.

Because Idaho is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact, Bentley will be unable to legally fish or hunt in 30 other states during his license revocation period.

**Reprinted from the Idaho Statesman**

## Banquet Contributors

As you spend your time in and around our community, I would remind you to patronize and thank the many merchants and businesses that donate goods and services for us to raffle and auction. This economy is tough for them too, but they continue to come through for us. When their contributions are recognized and appreciated, they are more likely to contribute again! So again in no particular order, these are just some of the business contributors supporting our Chapter's work in the community:

Curtis Wright Outfitters  
Davidson River Outfitters  
Mast General Store  
Papas & Beer Restaurants  
LL Bean  
Arkansas Trophy Trout  
Shafer Tree Care  
Headwaters Outfitters  
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Cummings Cove Golf Club  
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Unicoi Outfitters, Helen, GA

angler's dream/errant cast            jeff michels

the wind was still the air was cool  
as i beheld that darkest pool

deepest green and not to big  
behind a river rock I hid

I saw the fish I planned to catch  
the fly was on —a perfect match

I wielded back I threw my line  
it did not cast like in my mind

instead it wound up in a tree  
around a branch i did not see

I tugged it gently and again  
and then too hard —the line was spent

the fish was spooked —he swam away  
I said a word I should not say

and waded farther up the stream  
to try again the angler's dream ...

## General Meeting Location and Directions

Our new meeting location is at the Pardee Health Education Center inside the Blue Ridge Mall. Anyone travelling I-26 use Exit is 49A. The Blue Ridge Mall is located at 1800 Four Season's Blvd, ( US 64) Hendersonville, NC 28759

## FLY OF THE MONTH - Crippled Caddis

Tied by Byard Miller, Marlborough, NH

I developed this caddis pattern when trying to seduce those cruising trout and landlocks that you so often see in lakes and large slow moving river pools. It was my intention to create an imitation to resemble a caddis that had failed to fully emerge from it's pupal shuck. Well, this little baby works...it floats low in the surface film and those 'cruiser bruisers' just can't resist! So unleash your bobbins...



- Thread: Brown 8/0 Uni-thread
- Shuck: Brown or dun CDC fibers
- Head: Dark brown Antron dubbing
- Body: Hare's ear & olive Antron dubbing blend
- Hook: Light wire dry #14-20
- Wings: Mottled turkey wing

Dub the body from the hook bend to just past the mid-point. Take a CDC feather and clip out and discard the tip portion. Stroke the fibers toward the tip, then snip the stem (just the stem) again about 1/4" from the tip. Using this technique, you should be able to tie 3 or 4 flies with one CDC feather. Now laying the CDC along the side of the fly, tie it on loosely. Adjust the length to be about twice the body length or less and fasten securely. Prepare two pieces of mottled turkey wing about 4-6 fibers wide. Place one piece diagonally across the fly and carefully secure. Repeat the process with the other turkey piece in the opposite direction. Trim the front excess but do not trim the rear yet. Now dub the front with brown Antron to form the head and whip finish. Remove the fly from the vise and trim the wing tips at a diagonal to just short of the end of the body...being very careful not to snip off the CDC.

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## Jack's Classic Fly Of the Month

### Professor



**Hook:** Wet fly sizes 8-12

**Thread:** Brown or Black 8/0

**Tail:** Red hackle barbs or 3 long red ibis fibers

**Rib:** Gold oval tinsel

**Body:** Primrose yellow floss (off-yellow)

**Hackle:** Ginger cock

**Wing:** Mottled gray mallard



## They Came, They Saw, and They Built Fence

On a hot Tuesday in August, 22 TU chapter members joined with 24 students from Brevard College and 3 Forest Service folks in building over 600 feet of rail fence between the parking lot and the Davidson river at the Fish Hatchery. This completes the series of fences and access steps that will protect the river bank's riparian buffer all the way from the bridge to confluence of Grogan Creek. A huge **Thank You** goes to Dale Klug, Alan Frank, Skip Sheldon, Ross Fox, David Pierce, Frank Forrester, Bob Daubert, Tom Thomas, Ken Brady, Gary Harris, Rich Foster, Tim Schubmell, Kiki Matthews, John Spooner, Mike Hanesworth, Dave Maxwell, Wai Syn, Norris McDowell, John Barsotti, Clive Morris, Ricky Farlow, and Yoshi Kisoshx who made this achievement possible. The fence building was tougher than usual this year, because rails couldn't be dumped near the building area, but had to be carried from the parking down along the river as the fence was constructed. At times it looked like a colony of ants moving the rails, but all those ants seemed to have big smiles on their faces. Working with the students from Brevard College was once again a real inspiration. These kids are just great and one of the highlights of the day is getting to know them. This fence completes work on this phase of the Davidson River Project. The chapter's board of directors will now determine if there needs to be another phase to the project and what that should be.

Skip Sheldon











**Thanks to John Barsotti.  
John took all of the photos  
for this months newsletter**

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## EVENT CALENDAR

September 2 Board meeting @ 6:30 PM (Kelsey's)  
 10 General meeting @ 7PM

October 1 Board meeting @ 6:30 PM (Kelsey's)  
 1 Delayed-harvest stocking begins  
 3 Cradle of Forestry Forest Festival Day  
 8 General meeting @ 7PM  
 30 40 th Anniversary Celebration 7:00-10:00

November 4 Board meeting @ 6:30 PM (Kelsey's)  
 7-8 Fly Fishing Expo @ the Ag Center  
 12 General meeting @ 7PM

December No board or general meeting

## FALL 2009 DELAYED-HARVEST SCHEDULE

	October	November
E.Fork French Broad	2	5
Little River	2	4
West Fork Pigeon	5	4
North Mills	5	6
Tuckaseegee	6	3
Nantahala	7	4
Big/Shelton Laurel	1	2
Green River	1	5

## Mentors List

Chapter Members listed below are available to accompany one or two members who would like to learn more about fly fishing in our streams. If you are just beginning to fly fish, here's an opportunity to get help from some knowledgeable anglers.

Bob Daubert	693-6262
Steve Fromholtz	674-2450*
Dave Maxwell	894-0308
Steve Herring	749-9352
Dale Klug	243-6783

Legend: \* weekends only

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NC Wildlife Violations 800-662-7137

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National Trout Unlimited [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)

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